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FRS 2008 Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) College Scholarship Program is intended to offer young people from rural areas a better chance to receive a higher education. Rural Americans are more likely than any other group to cite financial difficulties as one of their major impediments to attending college than any other group. It is the goal of the foundation to help alleviate that obstacle.

Another objective of the foundation's College Scholarship Program is to encourage college graduates to return to rural areas after graduation. The scholarship selection committee will favor those indicating plans to return to their rural communities after graduation.

In May 2008, FRS will award thirty \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship, \$2,000 directly from FRS and an additional \$500 from the student's sponsoring company. The scholarships are awarded to one student in each of the 10 regions of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA associate member. The remaining 19 awards will be distributed proportionate

to the number of applications received from each NTCA region.

Applicants must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior.
2. Receive local telecommunications service from McDonough Telephone Cooperative.
3. Be accepted at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.
4. Have at least a C grade point average.
5. Express an interest to work in a rural community following graduation.
6. Be sponsored by a contributor to, or supporter of, the Foundation for Rural Service.

Application forms have been mailed to guidance counselors at all area high schools. They can also be downloaded from the FRS web site at www.frs.org. **Completed applications must be post-marked to FRS by March 1, 2008.** Prior to mailing to the FRS, the applications must be brought into our office to have the Sponsor Certification completed. Please allow adequate time for us to do the certification.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Proulx at 776-3211 or 888/640-4334.



New CPNI Rules Take Effect

Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) refers to data such as the long distance carrier you have chosen, the calling features you use and the calling plans, if any, to which you subscribe.

Effective in December, new rules implemented by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will go into effect to further protect the privacy of information contained in your McDonough Telephone account. The new rules allow us to discuss account information only with the person or persons listed on the account. We must also verify the identity of the person to whom we're speaking. To do this, we will be setting up a password system with the account owner selecting the password.

In November, all McDonough Telephone members should have received a letter with a form to complete for adding other authorized names to the account, choosing a password and indicating an authentication question and answer. If you have not yet returned the form, we encourage you to do so.



McDonough Telephone Cooperative

Colchester: 309-776-3211 or 888-640-4334
Lomax: 217-449-3211

Happy Holidays!

The offices of McDonough Telephone will be closed at noon on Monday, December 24 and on Tuesday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 31, and on Tuesday, January 1, to celebrate the New Year. Members should call 611 in the event of telephone, DSL or video service problems. If calling from out of our service area or from a cell phone, dial 309/776-3214. The directors and staff of McDonough Telephone wish you good health, much happiness and a world of peace this holiday season.

The Perfect Gift

Our **Cooking with the Co-op cook-books are going like hotcakes.** What better gift for Aunt Martha or your sister or cousin or best friend or a newlywed or the next door neighbor or the nice lady at the post office? For only \$5 you can give over 200 home-tested recipes to please every palate. In addition to the mmm-mmm good taste treats, the book contains photos and useful household hints. So the price is great and the contents are even better. Get a book – or books – today.



Directory Updates

Listings for the 2008 McDonough Telephone directory will be sent to the publisher at the end of December. If you want to make any changes to your listing, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Sales for yellow page advertising will continue in December. Our publisher is Directory Publishing Solutions (DPS). Since several companies sell directory advertising at virtually the same time, call our office if you question whether a sales person represents us or another company.

Dec. Anniversaries

40 Years:

David Ham, Vermont
Shirley M Beavon, Lomax
Samuel McAdams, Blandinsville

30 Years:

Johnnie McCall, Colchester
Terry Ward, Colchester
Mike & Diane Sayers, Industry
Kenneth Smith, Roseville
Point Pleasant Township Shed,
Roseville
Donald E Crouch, Macomb
Helen Seitz, Adair
Ronald Lindsey, Industry
William Fowler, Dallas City

20 Years:

Mark & Linda Hammond, Adair
Lloyd Huber, Smithshire
Delores Hodges, Colchester
Clifford Shipman, Blandinsville

Directory Additions

Anderson, Zachery M.	769-5579
Arnold, Dee	769-5555
Baker, Jean	776-4396
Bartus, J.	652-3434
Bell, Chris	776-3857
Corner Café	776-5200
Decounter, Debbie	456-3699
Dee & Sons Landscaping	769-5555
Eland, Brad & Tracey	449-3729
Goodpasture, Kyle	456-3426
Gross, Gerald & Colleen	449-3756
Hyser, Eric	254-3588
Johnson, Dusty	449-3827
Kukuk, Jon & Lisa	755-4327
Richbark, Matt	776-4882
Roberts, John	257-2577
Schoonover, Phillip	776-3269
Swedell, Steve & Ashley	653-2483
Wolf, John & Christine	257-2534
Yellow Rose Saloon	449-3707

DECEMBER SPECIAL
20% OFF ALL
TELEPHONES &
ANSWERING
MACHINES

See our selection of Corded, Cordless,
Big Button, Amplified, and Dual Handset Phones



JOIN IN
STOP BY
HELP OUT

On Friday, December 7, we will be holding a holiday open house in our Colchester business office. Enjoy homemade cookies and hot cider and enter the drawing for three \$25 bill credits. In the spirit of the season, we encourage you to bring in canned goods or other non-perishable food items for our MEG food drive to benefit local food pantries.

We hope to see you here!

Lomax Office Schedule DECEMBER 2007

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Days Open in Red • Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. - noon
Dec. 17 - Bills Due • Dec. 26 - Disconnect Day
Closed at noon on 12/24 & at 3:00 p.m. on 12/31